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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MARITIMES

1. DURING COURSE OF HIS TOUR OF THE MARITIMES PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU ADDRESSED CARIBBEAN PARLIAMENTARY TRADE DELEGATION IN DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA TELLING THEM THAT CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT LOOK TO CANADA "AS A SENIOR GOVERNMENT WHICH CAN TELL YOU HOW TO DEVELOP". HE SAID THAT CANADA "WOULD LISTEN TO YOU, AND DISCUSS YOUR PROBLEMS, BUT WE WON'T GIVE YOU DIRECTION. SHOULD WE BE SO PRESUMPTIOUS, YOU WOULD SOON FIND THAT CANADA CAN'T SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS FOR YOU."

2. THE PRIME MINISTER, ACCOMPANIED BY COLINE CAMPBELL, MP FOR SOUTHWEST NOVA, VISITED CFB GREENWOOD WHERE HE ANSWERED QUESTIONS TO A SESSION CLOSED TO THE PRESS. BASE COMMANDER COLONEL ALLAN PICKERING SAID AFTERWARDS, HOWEVER, THAT MAJORITY OF QUESTIONS REVOLVED AROUND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY BEING PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE AND TO CFB GREENWOOD, IN PARTICULAR. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT DND IS GETTING MORE MONEY

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THIS YEAR THAN EVER. COLONEL PICKEERING NOTED THAT THE

PRIME MINISTER WAS COUNTERED BY REMARKS THAT DND'S INFLATION RATE EXCEEDS THE EXTRA 11.2 PER CENT ALLOTTED THIS YEAR. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR THE JOB WHICH CFB GREENWOOD DOES AND HE DOES NOT DEEM IT LIKELY THAT BASE WILL BE CLOSED IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

EM IN SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH CORRESPONDENT OF HALIFAX CHRONICLE-HERALD, MR TRUDEAU SAID THAT OTTAWA DOES NOT PLAN ANY FURTHER CUTBACKS IN THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECENT CUTBACKS IN THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES A DELETE PREVIOUS LINE AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECENT PHASING OUT OF ONE OPERATIONAL SQUADRON FROM CFB GREENWOOD. HOWEVER, HE SAID GOVERNMENT IS DISCUSSING WITH THE DND "WHAT TYPE OF CONFIGURATION THEY SEE BEST --WHAT TYPE OF FUNCTION THE DND SHOULD BE PERFORMING IN THE FUTURE" TO BEST FULFILL ITS FOUR ROLES OF PROTECTING CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY, AND PARTICIPATING IN NORAD, NATO AND PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. HE SAID THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SHIFTS WITHIN CERTAIN DIVISIONS OF THE ARMED FORCES WILL BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO MEET FUTURE DEMANDS. HE GAVE NO SPECIFIC DETAILS ON THE CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS BUT STRESSED

THAT GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND FURTHER CUTBACKS WITHIN THE FORCES. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NO SPECIFIC PLANS TO OFFSET THE LOSS TO THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY ECONOMY CREATED BY THE GREENWOOD CUTBACK, BUT NOTED THAT GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES TO THE NOVA SCOTIA BUDGET ARE INCREASING CONSTANTLY.

4. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF A 200 MILE OFFSHORE FISHING LIMIT WOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY PRODUCE THE RESULTS THAT SOME PEOPLE THINK IT WILL, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT REJECTED THE IDEA . . . "WE ARE KEEPING IT AS AN OPTION." HE SAID THAT A UNILATERAL DECLARATION WILL MEAN NOTHING UNLESS WE CAN GET THE FISHING FLEETS OF OTHER NATIONS TO RESPECT IT. THE ONLY WAY TO GET THESE NATIONS TO RESPECT IT, "SHORT OF GOING TO WAR WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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FRANCE, POLAND, SPAIN, PORTUGAL AND HALF A DOZEN OTHER NATIONS," IS TO SIT DOWN WITH THEM AND SYSTEMATICALLY PHASE OUT RIGHTS WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN EXERCISING FOR THE PAST 500 YEARS. THE FISHING FLEETS "WON'T LEAVE WITHOUT HAVING A GOOD, LONG TALK WITH US". HE SAID THAT IF CANADA DECLARES A 200 MILE LIMIT UNILATERALLY, "WE ARE REALLY CHANGING WHAT HAS BEEN CUSTOM BY MANY NATIONS WHO HAVE BEEN FISHING OFF THE CANADIAN COAST

FOR MANY, MANY CENTURIES".

5. WITH REGARD TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STATE OF DISREPAIR OF WHARVES OF NOVA SCOTIA'S BAY OF FUNDY, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE RECENT CUTBACK IN THE SMALL CRAFT HARBORS BUDGET DOES NOT MEAN THE WORK NEEDED ON THE WHARVES WILL NOT GET DONE, BUT THAT THE TIMING HAS BEEN DELAYED. HE SAID "THE ONLY ANSWER WE CAN MAKE TO OPPOSITION MEMBERS WHO ARE COMPLAINING, IS THAT THEY ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE BEEN GIVING GOVERNMENT THE DEVIL" AND I THINK PROPERLY SO--FOR SPENDING TOO MUCH FROM A TOO-LARGE BUDGET." HE SAID THAT GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SPENDING TOO MUCH BOTH FEDERALLY AND PROVINCIALY IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS AND THAT "IT IS IMPERATIVE, IT IS A DUTY GOVERNMENT HAS TO EXPLAIN THAT A PROGRAM OF RESTRAINT HAS BEEN BROUGHT IN".

6. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO VISITED CHURCH POINT,NOVA SCOTIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACADIAN FESTIVAL OF CLARE. HE GAVE AN ADDRESS ALMOST ENTIRELY IN FRENCH SAYING THAT THE FRENCH FACTOR IN CANADA IS ONE OF DISPERSION SINCE THE FRENCH-SPEAKING DO NOT ALL LIVE IN QUEBEC. HE SAID THAT THE ACADIANS IN NOVA SCOTIA PROBABLY APPRECIATE THE FRENCH CULTURE MORE THAN THE QUEBECOIS BECAUSE THROUGHOUT THEIR HISTORY THEY HAVE HAD TO SHOW COURAGE AND OBSTINACY. MANBEY

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